

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM  
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)  
PROJECT FACT SHEET**

**ORIGINAL DATE: 11 DECEMBER 1998**

**TAG REVIEW DATE: 27 APRIL 1999**

**1. SITE NAME:** Camp Atterbury (FUDS Area Only)

**SITE NUMBER:** GO5IN00100

**LOCATION:**

City: Columbus  
County: Johnson  
State: Indiana

**PROJECT NUMBER:** GO5IN001006

**CATEGORY:** OE

**INPR RAC:** 1

**ASR RAC:** 2

**TAG RAC:** 2

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**3. SITE DESCRIPTION:**

The former Camp Atterbury (Formerly Used Defense Site Area Only)

encompasses approximately 6,343 acres in Johnson County and is located near the city of Columbus, Indiana.

#### **4. SITE HISTORY:**

On 6 January 1942, approval to build Camp Atterbury was granted. The Camp was to be large enough to house 30,000 men. The Camp officially opened on 15 August 1942, with the reactivation of the 83rd Infantry Division. The Camp not only supported unit training, but also provided Basic Training during World War II and Korea. From 1942 to 1953, approximately 250,000 men received their basic training at Atterbury (Farrell 1953).

During World War II, Camp Atterbury operated a 3,000 man Prisoner of War compound. The compound was used from May of 1943 to June of 1946 for German and Italian POW's (The Atterbury File 1983).

On 13 November 1943, the 30th Infantry Division arrived at Camp Atterbury for training. It only stayed at the Camp for ten weeks before leaving on 30 January 1944 (The Atterbury File 1983). During July of 1944, the Chemical Warfare Service Depot at Indianapolis was granted a storage area at Camp Atterbury for the storage of supplies and parts. The assigned area had 52,400 square feet and consisted of 26 small buildings which were formally mess halls and temporary barracks. The actual handling of supplies was done by German Prisoners of War (Turner 1944).

From 1945 to 1946, the Camp operated a Separation Center, one of the Army's largest. By August of 1945 the center had separated more than 50,000 men. After VJ-Day, the center out processed more than 500,000 men in seven months. With the exception of the temporary staff increase in 1946, the post was in an inactive status from 1946 to 1950. During this time frame the Camp was available to Reserve and National Guard units to conduct range firings or field training. Many Ohio and Indiana units used the post for annual training or weekend drills. In August 1948, the entire 38th Infantry Division conducted its first post war summer camp at Atterbury. In late August of 1948, elements of the 37th Division, Ohio National Guard, also conducted annual field training at Atterbury (Farrell 1953, Hinds 1985, Macon 1949).

In January of 1951, the 467th Chemical Mortar Battalion with 732 soldiers was stationed at Camp Atterbury. During 1951 an inspection by the Chemical Corps noted that shortages of equipment were hampering the training of service units, chemical mortar and smoke battalions at Atterbury (Chemical Units 1951, Watts 1951).

In April 1952, after participating in Operation Longhorn in Texas, the 31st Infantry Division moved to Camp Atterbury. The Division left Atterbury in March 1954. The Camp was again placed in inactive status on 31 March 1954 (The Atterbury File 1983, Hinds 1985).

On 31 December 1968, Camp Atterbury was officially deactivated and the area

north of Hospital Road (North Post) was turned over to GSA for disposal. On 1 January 1969, the Military Department of Indiana assumed control of the area south of Hospital Road (Main Post) under license from the Department of the Army (Hinds 1985).

**5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Entire Site: Size, Acres:	Approximately 6,343
Former Use:	Military Training Camp
Present Use:	State Recreational Area, County Water & Soil Conservation District And Federal Job Corps Center
Probable End Use:	Same as above
Ordinance Presence:	Potential
Type:	Grenades, Frag, MK II and MK IIA1; Mortars, 60mm thru 4.2", Practice Land Mines and Small Arms Ammo

**6. CURRENT STATUS:**

The Archives Search Report (ASR) for Camp Atterbury (FUDS Area Only) was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, in December 1998.

**7. STRATEGY:** Entire Site: EE/CA

**8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:**

The Huntsville Center Technical Advisory Group met and discussed this ASR on 27 April 1999 and determined a RAC 2 EE/CA for the entire area. Attached is a revised RAC form adding Mortars and Landmines. Recommend that removal actions focus in the areas where OE has been uncovered in the past as listed on Plate 2. Recent interviews revealed that weekly mowing by county parks personnel and digging by Job Corps personnel have failed to detect any UXO. Residue found during the site inspection of the civilian rifle range appears to be from current usage and not related to the military. The Huntsville Center RCWM Team reviewed this ASR for Chemical Warfare Material also on 27 April 1999 and made the following comment, "Non chemical, with caveat if CAIS found will have to be re-evaluated."

There are known Federally-and State- listed species occurring in the site area. An on-site inspection by appropriate State and Federal personnel may be necessary to verify the presence, absence or location of listed species, or natural communities.

**9. SCHEDULE SUMMARY:** EE/CA

**10. FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY:** For Official Use Only

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